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Sir:

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b), Applicants submit the enclosed Form PTO-1449, including copies of the cited art listed therein.

Applicants contend that the cited art does not preclude the patentability of the present invention because the cited art neither anticipates nor renders obvious the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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